

## Context of Tribal Water Perspectives within Update 2013

Members of the Update 2013 Tribal Advisory Committee have asked where Tribal perspectives fit within the outline of the 2013 Update of the California Water Plan. Tribal AC and work group discussions have expressed interest in a section dedicated to Tribal water, as well as dispersing Tribal perspectives throughout the Water Plan. In looking at the option to do both, the following represents areas of potential fit to include Tribal perspectives. While the Table of Contents for Update 2013 has not yet been established, the following references are to the Table of Contents for Update 2009. **Please note that the goal is to illustrate how Tribal content relates to Water Plan content. The actual location for any content will depend on the final organization of Update 2013.**

<b>Volume 1</b>	<b>Tribal Content</b> <i>(potential/new in italics)</i>
Volume 1 Foreward and Acknowledgements	
Volume 1 Chapter 1, Introduction	Discussion of Tribal Advisory Committee, Work Groups and Tribal Water Summit
Volume 1 Chapter 2, Imperative to Act	Tribal Objective, Tribal content within Recommendations
Volume 1 Chapter 3, California Water Management (Companion Plans)	Tribal Water Management, Tribal Communication Plan <i>Potential to provide links to other resources, documents or plans</i>
Volume 1, Chapter 4, California Water Today	Tribal Lands, Tribal Water Management <i>Potential for section on "Tribal Water Today"</i> <i>Potential for Tribal examples in the section on "Responses and Opportunities" for stewardship, planning and/or management programs, activities and initiatives</i>
Volume 1, Chapter 5, Managing an Uncertain Future	<i>Potential to provide examples of managing for sustainability</i>
Volume 1 Chapter 6, Integrated Data and Analysis	<i>Potential to add discussion on traditional ecological knowledge</i>
Volume 1 Section 7, Implementation Plan	Objective 12 and Related Actions, Related Actions for other Objectives (1, 4, 5, 13) <i>Potential to expand Tribal elements in Related Actions</i>

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<b>Volume 2 - RMSs</b>	<b>Relationship to Tribal Interests</b>
Volume 2 Chapter 2, Agricultural Water Use Efficiency	Specific recommendation for funding opportunities for several categories of entities, including Tribes.
Volume 2 Chapter 3, Urban Water Use Efficiency	Specific recommendation for funding opportunities for several categories of entities, including Tribes.
Volume 2 Chapter 8, Conjunctive Management	Identifies the issue of potential adjudication of water rights by Tribal communities and potential significant Tribal groundwater rights, especially in San Diego. Identifies Tribal surface and groundwater rights as issues that must be addressed. Recommendations encourage: local water management agencies to coordinate with Tribes and other agencies involved in activities affecting long-term sustainability of water supply and water quality; establishing a System Reoperation Task Force and include several categories of entities, including Tribes.
Volume 2 Chapter 12, CALFED Water Storage	Specifically identifies Tribes as potential beneficiaries of CALFED surface water storage projects, mentioning Tribal interests in: urban, ag and environmental water supply reliability; drinking water quality and ecosystem restoration. Recommendation 1 call for outreach to Tribes and other entities.
Volume 2, Chapter 14, Drinking Water Treatment and Distribution	Includes information from a 2005 US EPA report on Tribal infrastructure costs for California, Arizona and Nevada totaling \$602 million. Describes US EPA as having regulatory oversight of Tribal water systems. Mentions Tribal Set-aside Program for US EPA Drinking Water Infrastructure Grants
Volume 2, Chapter 15, Groundwater and Aquifer Remediation	Recommendation calls for working with US EPA, BIA and Tribes to prevent contamination of recharge areas.
Volume 2 Chapter 17, Pollution Prevention	Specifically calls out dangers of toxic contaminants for Tribal communities dependent on subsistence fisheries.
Volume 2 Chapter 22, Ecosystem Restoration	<i>Links to TWS Recommendations relating to restoration and protection of habitat for fisheries</i> <i>Potential for discussion on traditional management approaches</i>

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Volume 2 Chapter 23, Forest Management	New RMS for Update 2009 based on Tribal recommendation, developed with Tribal reviewer. Calls for coordination between State and Federal forest-management agencies and Tribal forestry and watershed programs.
Volume 2 Chapter 24, Land Use Planning and Management	Describes SB 18 requirements for city and county planning processes to consult with Tribes on the NAHC contact list, and interest of Tribes to extend consultation to early involvement in other land use decisions to avoid or mitigate impacts to watershed and floodplains where Tribes have an interest.
Volume 2, Chapter 25, Recharge Areas Protection	Specific recommendation for DPH to provide guidance and funding for several categories of entities, including Tribes.
Volume 2 Chapter 26, Water-dependent Recreation	Discusses impacts of low water levels and diversions traditional Native American cultural resources and activities, including subsistence fishing, ceremonial dances and basketry. Also discusses: damage from water-dependent recreational activities on Tribal cultural resources such as sacred sites, ceremonial materials and wildlife; need for Tribal access to resources.
Volume 2 Chapter 27, Watershed Management	<i>Links to TWS recommendation on watershed management</i> <i>Potential for discussion on traditional management approaches</i>
Volume 2 New RMS, Sediment Management	<i>Links to TWS recommendation regarding toxic sediments behind dams.</i> <i>Links to Tribal AC interests and issues regarding sediment impacts from FERC relicensing and wildfires on fisheries, and dredging activities and location of sediment dumps.</i>
Volume 2 New RMS, Water-Dependent Cultural Resources	<i>Links to Tribal interests regarding: cultural perspectives on the sacredness of water and connectedness of resources and ecosystem health; cultural activities, such as basketry and ceremonies; water-levels and access to cultural sites</i>

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### **Volume 3 – Regional Reports**

Depending on the availability of information, Tribal write-ups can be as extensive as that found in the North Coast Regional Report, which contains a text box with descriptions of: Tribal demographics, collaborative efforts, issues and priorities, and accomplishment. Another table lists Tribal lands and acreage within the hydrologic region. Information for the write-up was obtained from the Tribal plenaries conducted with Update 2009. Some process must be identified for collecting information for Update 2013.

To create a standard foundation for Tribal write-ups in each Regional Report, information is needed on the following items:

- Demographics (Tribal communities, land area)
- Tribal water priorities
- Challenges
- Lessons learned
- Accomplishments
- Collaborative efforts
- Tribal water-related programs, policies and projects

#### **Discussion questions**

- How would information come in? (Where does information come from?)
- Who would research, collect and compile information?
- Who draft the initial text? (Who tells the story?)